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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED AUGUST 25, 1975
SENT USUN NEW YORK IS REPEATED TO YOU; QUOTE

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SUBJECT: UN MEMBERSHIP: TWO VIETNAMS AND SOUTH KOREA

REF:) USUN 3646; B) STATE 191627

1. WE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE IF
TWO VIETNAMESE STATES AND THEIR FRIENDS SEEK RECONSIDER-
ATION VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP AT AN EARLY PERIOD. JUDGING
BY PRESS STATEMENT OF TWO OBSERVERS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE
MOVE TO TABLE A RESOLUTION COMPARABLE TO 1602 (XV) AND
2937 (XXVII) ON MONGOLIA AND BANGLADESH. WE WOULD OF
COURSE STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH A RES. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE,
HOWEVER, THAT IT COULD BE BLOCKED.

2. ONE TACTIC TO COUNTER SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE TO
STIMULATE A SIMILAR RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADMISSION
OF ALL PRESENT APPLICANTS OR AMENDING RESOLUTION ON
VIETNAMESE APPLICANTS TO SAME EFFECT. PROSPECTS FOR
PASSAGE SUCH A PRO-ROK RESOLUTION OR AMENDMENT NOT
PRESENTLY GOOD, BUT THEY MIGHT BE IMPROVED BY FAVORABLE

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NAC ACTION IN LIMA OR ROK REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP.
IN FINAL ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY DEFEAT

OF PRO-ROK RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP UNHELPFUL TO OUR EFFORT TO DEFEAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREAN ITEM. THUS, WE WOULD NOT ADVOCATE RESOLUTION OR AMENDMENT FAVORING ROK MEMBERSHIP UNLESS WE AND THE ROK CONCLUDED THERE WERE GOOD PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS.

3. IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT RESOLUTION SPELLING OUT AND ENLARGING RIGHTS OF VIETNAMESE OBSERVER DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF UNGA AND IN CONFERENCES CALLED BY IT AND BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES MAY BE SOUGHT SPECIFYING RIGHTS OF VIETNAMS TO SPEAK IN PLENARY OR IN ALL FORA ON SUBJECTS NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN TO THEM. EXCEPT FOR RIGHT TO SPEAK IN PLENARY THESE PRIVILEGES ONLY marginally EXTEND PRESENT RIGHTS OF TWO VIETNAMS. BOTH VIETNAMESE STATES LIKELY BE INCLUDED IN ALL UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY CONFERENCES BY REASON OF THEIR INCLUSION WITHIN VIENNA FORMULA. RIGHT TO SPEAK IN GA COMMITTEES, WHILE USED SPARINGLY IN PAST AND GENERALLY ON ISSUES OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO A GIVEN OBSERVER, IS NOT SPELLED OUT IN GA RULES, WHICH CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO OBSERVER STATES, AND HENCE IS OPEN TO VARYING INTERPRETATION.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE EXTENSION OF RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY CONFERENCES SINCE THIS IS PRIVILEGE ALREADY OPEN TO BOTH VIETNAMS. WE WOULD ON OTHER HAND OPPOSE ENLARGING RIGHTS OF EITHER STATE TO SPEAK IN UN COMMITTEES ON ISSUES NOT OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM, THOUGH WITHOUT LAUNCHING MAJOR LOBBYING CAMPAIGN IN OPPOSITION OR ANY REAL HOPE OF SUCCESS. REGARDING THE RIGHT TO SPEAK IN PLENARY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE.

5. WITH REGARD LATTER POINT, WE WOULD HOPE WE COULD ENLIST SUPPORT OF THORN AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO POINT UP DANGER OF BREAKING PRECEDENT (OVERTURNED ONLY IN CASE OF ARAFAT LAST YEAR) THAT ONLY REPS OF MEMBER STATES SPEAK IN PLENARY. FURTHER BREAKING OF THIS PRECEDENT RAISES PROSPECT OF ALL KINDS OF NON-STATE OBSERVERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUPS IN OPPOSITION TO MEMBER STATES, ETC. SEEKING SIMILAR PRIVILEGES. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL
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